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Attention: Liaison Section  
Director, FBI (62-46855)

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O PURCHASE OF BOOKS  
BOOK REVIEWS

You are authorized to obtain discreetly, and as soon as possible, one copy each of the following books for use of Bureau. Mark books to attention of Research Section, Domestic Intelligence Division.

*Rec'd 6-10-71 pm B* 1. ~~"A Rap on Race"~~ by Margaret Mead and James Baldwin. Lippincott; May, 1971; \$6.95

*Rec'd 6-10-71 pm B* 2. ~~"Born Black: A Personal Report on the Decade of Black Revolt 1960-1970"~~ by Gordon Parks. Lippincott; 5-20-71; \$6.95

*Rec'd 5-28-71 pm B* 3. ~~"Black Viewpoints"~~ edited by Arthur C. Littleton and Mary W. Burger. NAL Mentor Original; 4-14-71; \$1.50

*Rec'd 5-25-71 pm B* 4. ~~"Beyond Racism: Building An Open Society"~~ by Whitney M. Young, Jr. McGraw-Hill; 5-15-71; paperback, \$2.95

*Rec'd 5-28-71 pm B* 5. ~~"Assault on Privacy: Computers, Data Banks, and Dossiers"~~ by Arthur P. Miller. University of Michigan Press; March, 1971; \$7.95

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First four books requested by SA [redacted] RIS, for review relating to work assignments on racial matters; book number five requested for review by Number One Man T. J. Smith, Research Section, Domestic Intelligence Division. Books will be filed in Bureau library.

Memorandum to Mr. E. S. Miller  
RE: BOOK REVIEW, "BORN BLACK," BY GORDON PARKS

has a chapter on the hardships of a Negro family that are brought on by the father being out of work and turning to drink. He then goes into the death of Martin Luther King, Jr., and follows this with accounts of the Black Panther Party and Eldridge Cleaver.

As previously pointed out, the information in the book was obtained through personal interviews and research; therefore, it is a rehash of information that has appeared before. The author claims to be taking a truthful approach to his subject matter; however, he appears to try to make the extremists and militants he deals with "Knights in Shining Armor."

The FBI is mentioned in the write-up on the Black Muslims, page 37. It is used when an unidentified taxi driver's remark to Parks that "Malcolm ain't afraid to tell Mr. Charlie, the FBI or the cops or nobody where to get off." The FBI is mentioned on page 148 in the write-up on the Black Panthers as follows, "J. Edgar Hoover, in the fiscal 1969 FBI report wrote: 'Of all the violence-prone black extremist groups, the Black Panther Party is without question the greatest threat to the internal security of this country.'"

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# Memorandum

TO : MR. E. S. MILLER

FROM :  CM/10P  
SUBJECT: ~~BOOK REVIEWS~~  
~~"BORN BLACK"~~  
BY ~~GORDON PARKS~~  
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This is a review of captioned book, published by J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and New York, New York, in 1971. This book is being placed in the Bureau Library.

Author of the book is Gordon Parks, a well-known Negro writer and photographer who joined the staff of Life Magazine in 1949. He also writes music and has done several film documentaries for movies and television. Parks has not been the subject of an FBI investigation. He has appeared on Black extremist mailing lists and on lists of attendees at various Black extremist fund raisings.

Captioned book consists of 192 pages. Parks was born in Fort Scott, Kansas, and prior to taking up photography in the late 1930s worked at several different menial occupations. He worked for several different Government agencies during World War II and after the war assisted in making documentaries for Standard Oil Company. He joined Life Magazine in 1949 as a staff photographer and is now a Life contributor. He has written music, done film documentaries, and has credits for four other books. This book consists of nine articles, some commissioned by Life Magazine and some appearing for the first time. It gives accounts of the Black Muslims and Malcolm X, Stokely Carmichael, Muhammad Ali, true name Cassius Clay, former heavyweight title holder. The book also has an article on the death of Martin Luther King and on the life of a Harlem family. Parks obtained his material through personal interviews and research. He describes the use of the gas chamber at San Quentin; he reviews the Black Muslims and Malcolm X. He reports on personal interviews with both men. He later goes into an account of the death of Malcolm X. Parks also goes into the beliefs of Muhammad Ali, true name Cassius Clay, and Stokely Carmichael. He

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